

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

San Francisco, California
June 9, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: WOODROW W. GUTHRIE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished the following memorandum to the San Francisco Office dated June 2, 1941:

"A confidential informant advises that subject person is a Communist. Subject is from some place in New York State and is driving a 1941 Model Pontiac Sedan bearing 1940 New York license plates XX32. Has been residing temporarily at 1 Oakwood Drive, Glendale, Calif., was in Sonora, Calif. on or about May 13, 1941. The General Motors Acceptance Corp. in New York City is said to be looking for subject because of his failure to make car payments. Was stopped by Oregon State Police upon entering Oregon from California on or about May 15, 1941, because of having 1940 license plates on auto. Disposition of case in Oregon unknown. Subject said to be traveling about the country making a motion picture for the Department of Interior."

This information is being furnished to the offices receiving copies of this letter for whatever action might be deemed advisable.

RECORDED Very truly yours,

DCS:MR
cc New York
cc Buffalo
cc Albany
cc Portland

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

From a confidential source, information has been furnished this Bureau that one Woodrow W. Guthrie, who is employed by the Department of the Interior, is allegedly a member of the Communist Party. This individual is reported as being at the present time on the West Coast, engaged in the making of a motion picture for the Department of Interior.

It is requested that you advise me at the earliest possible date whether any investigation of this person should be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in view of Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress, which directs this Bureau to undertake investigations of employees of the Federal Government who are members of subversive organizations or who advocate the overthrow of this government.

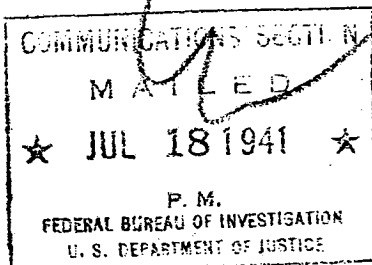
Yours very truly

John Edgar Hoover
Director

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
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ON *6/25/80*

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Drayton _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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WASHINGTON

July 30, 1941.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Secretary Ickes has received a letter from Matthew F. McGuire, The Assistant to the Attorney General, in which he states that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has received information that Woodrow W. Guthrie, said to be employed by the Department of the Interior, is a member of the Communist Party. Mr. Guthrie is reported to be on the West Coast at the present time, engaged in the making of a motion picture for the Department of the Interior.

Our records disclose that Mr. Guthrie was employed by the Bonneville Power Administration as an information consultant at Portland, Oregon, on May 13, 1941, for a period not to exceed 30 days, and that his services were terminated, effective June 13, 1941.

In view of the fact that Mr. Guthrie is no longer an employee of this Department, no investigation is requested, and we are referring the matter to you for such further action as you may deem desirable.

Sincerely yours,

E. F. Tamm

First Assistant Secretary.

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Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

RE: WOODROW W. GUTHRIE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Dear Sir:

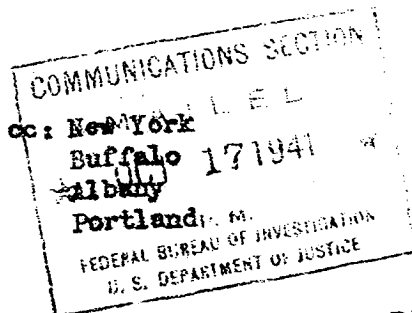
With reference to your communication of June 9, 1941, in the above-captioned matter I wish to advise that the files of the Bureau reflect that the Department of the Interior has addressed a letter to me stating that Woodrow W. Guthrie was employed by the Bonneville Power Administration as an information consultant at Portland, Oregon, on May 13, 1941, for a period not to exceed 30 days. The letter further states that the subject's services were terminated effective June 13, 1941.

It appears, therefore, that Guthrie is no longer an employee of another Governmental agency and in the event the files of your field division reflect the desirability of conducting an investigation into his activities and sympathies in order to determine whether they are inimical to the best interests of this Government you are at liberty to do so.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

ALBANY, NEW YORK

August 14, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: WOODROW W. GUTHRIE
Internal Security - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated June 9, 1941 from the San Francisco Office to the Bureau, a copy of which was sent to this office.

The New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles has reported to us that New York license plate for 1940, No. XX32, covered a 1941 Pontiac Sedan, and was issued to WOODROW W. GUTHRIE, 115 E. Chestnut Street, Glendale, California.

Inasmuch as the Subject is a resident of California, no further investigation is being contemplated by this office, and the case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Clegg
J. E. CLEGG

Special Agent in Charge

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cc San Francisco

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 15, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATIONWIDE
PRODUCTION "IT'S UP TO YOU"

I am attaching a program of the production "It's Up To You," which was staged at the Department of Agriculture Auditorium in Washington, D. C., for a ten day period commencing on June 22, 1943. The production was attended by SA [REDACTED] and because of the tenor of the production Agent [REDACTED] checked the Bureau files and ascertained that the following named individuals connected with the production of this show are either closely associated with the Communist Party or members thereof: Earl Robinson, Woody Guthrie.

The show was written by Arthur Arent and Earl Robinson "in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture."

It is pointed out that on the night of the attendance by Agent [REDACTED] Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard spoke and praised the production as an attempt to bring home to the American people the necessity of their contributions under the rationing program in order to achieve the utmost for the war effort. Secretary Wickard indicated that the show would be produced simultaneously, as much as possible, throughout the country, and that it is contemplated the production will be shown in as many communities as possible with the casts being selected from the community and nearby communities.

Regarding the individuals connected with the production or authorship of this show, I would like to refer briefly to the following:

EARL ROBINSON, subject of Bureau file 100-5578, has been reported as associating with known Communists and as being a possible member of the Communist Party since November, 1940. The latest report, in January, 1943, indicates subject was guest of honor at a dinner in New York City in March, 1942, under the auspices of the Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, honoring the first Communist to fall in Spanish Civil War, and for the support of the campaign for Earl Browder. Subject has written music for Communist Party gatherings and has been the entertaining vocalist at rallies addressed by prominent officials of the Communist Party, USA, such as Earl Browder, James W. Ford and William A. Foster. Robinson is reportedly a member of the Communist Party and is identified by some sources as the composer and producer of a review named "It's All Yours," which the Communist controlled newspaper "The New Masses" in the October 6, 1942, issue announced as a new musical treat "written by Earl Robinson and Woody Guthrie."

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Mr. Tamm

There is attached in this connection a copy of Mrs. Roosevelt's column which appeared in the Washington Daily News dated July 6, 1943, wherein Mrs. Roosevelt indicates that Earl Robinson was a visitor at Hyde Park on Monday, July 5, 1943.

See index

WOODY GUTHRIE, in June, 1941, was reported to the San Francisco office as being a Communist and as working for the Department of Interior making a motion picture. The Department of Interior at that time advised the Bureau that Guthrie had been employed by it as an information consultant at Portland, Oregon, in the Bonneville Power Administration on May 13, 1941, and his services were terminated on June 13, 1941. In November, 1942, the Baltimore Field Office reported that through the medium of a confidential informant it was learned that a mass meeting was held at the negro Elk's Hall in Baltimore, on which occasion the speakers were James W. Ford, an official of the Communist Party, USA, and Woody Guthrie. Guthrie is identified as having associated with one John R. Forrest, a song writer, and collaborated with Forrest and Earl Robinson and Dmitri Shostakovich. Forrest is the subject of a Bureau file and is closely associated with Communists and Communist infiltrated groups in and around Los Angeles, California. Guthrie has been a resident of both New York City and Los Angeles.

ARTHUR ARENT The name of Arthur Arent appears on a report in the Bureau's files on the League of American Writers, which has been described as Communist influenced. Arthur Arent was shown as one of the signers of the statement issued in 1938 and signed by approximately 150 prominent artists, educators, etc., supporting the verdict of the "recent Moscow trial of the Trotskyite-Buckharinite traitors." The New Masses and the Daily Worker, Communists organs, in April and May, 1938, identified Arent as a signatory of this document. Arthur Arent is shown as an employee of OWI in New York as of January, 1943.

Conclusion

I thought you would be interested in being informed of this, especially because it was indicated that the production would be shown throughout the country and it may evoke some comment. It would appear that it has been utilized as an outlet for some Communist Party propaganda with respect to its Party line of "ratting everything." In this connection a letter dated June 18, 1943, was received from the Department of Agriculture Office of Personnel enclosing an anonymous statement entitled "Federal Government Money Helps the Communist," which was mailed to the United Service Organization, Empire State Building, New York City on June 8, 1943. A copy of the anonymous communication is attached as being of interest. It apparently refers to the New York City production of the show "It's Up To You."

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

Attachments

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, Was.
WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE,
WOODY GUTHRIE; WOODIE GUTHRIE
Security Matter--C

(DATE: 6-2-50

RE: El Paso letter to New York dated 2-15-50 in captioned matter; report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4-3-50 at Los Angeles entitled "Factionalists Sabotage Group, Internal Security--C".

On April 18, 1950 CNDI [REDACTED] identified a photograph of GUTHRIE as being the individual to whom he had previously referred as (WOODY), and who was a member of the Factionalist Sabotage Group. According to CNDI [REDACTED] GUTHRIE from approximately April 15, 1950 to May 15, 1950 resided at the home of [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, and an individual who has also been identified as a member of the above group.

On May 15, 1950 CNDI [REDACTED] ascertained that GUTHRIE left Los Angeles on that date and on May 18, 1950 CNDI [REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED] that GUTHRIE was in El Paso, Texas, where he would contact his children and former wife. Reference letter reflects that GUTHRIE'S children resided at 4002 Bliss Street, El Paso, Texas. DEFERRED RECORDING

For the information of the El Paso Office CNDIS [REDACTED] have furnished this office since [REDACTED] with information concerning a group of approximately thirty men and women, some veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and expelled Communist Party members who are regularly meeting in Los Angeles. According to [REDACTED] this group has a headquarters in Mexico City, Mexico, and one of the group [REDACTED], known to your office, left Los Angeles in December 1949 to work in this headquarters; her residence has been verified in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

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CC: El Paso

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The [REDACTED] of this group, [REDACTED] has advised CNDI [REDACTED] that the ultimate purpose of this group is sabotage against the United States during war with Russia and has outlined to him group policy in recruitment, method of operation, publications, finances, and has advised the informant that his group has a direct contact with the "Comintern".

By letter dated May 15, 1950 in the referenced matter the Bureau requested that individual investigations be opened concerning members of this group and security index cards be considered.

El Paso is requested to verify the residence of the subject in El Paso through [REDACTED], El Paso County Court House, El Paso, Texas; it being noted that [REDACTED] has previously furnished your office with information regarding GUTHRIE.

Upon receipt of this verification, Los Angeles will submit a RUC report covering GUTHRIE's activities known to this office.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/21/50

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
 Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, Woody
 Guthrie, Woodie Guthrie
 SECURITY MATTER - C

Rebutel dated July 14, 1950, entitled "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C", Bufile 100-369268.

Referenced teletype directed Los Angeles to advise the Bureau, under individual caption, of the identity of each individual thus far identified with the group mentioned in the referenced teletype and to recommend Security Index cards at the earliest possible date. The Bureau also directed that the persons connected with this group and their activities and location be closely followed.

V. [REDACTED] on July 4, 1950, advised that he had ascertained from [REDACTED], also a member of the referenced group, that the subject was presently residing at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn 24, New York.

A pending report setting out leads to verify the subject's residence and employment in New York is presently being transcribed and will be forwarded to the New York and El Paso Offices at an early date.

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cc: New York (AM)
 El Paso

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LOS ANGELES

FILE No. 100-32263

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 8/3/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/25;4/11,14,15,18,22,23,29,30; 5/2-6,8,18;6/2,14;7/19,20/50	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] jld
TITLE WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was. Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, Woody Guthrie, Woodie Guthrie			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C b7c

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, a folk singer, musician and author reported to reside at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Reported to have been a writer for the Daily People's World in Los Angeles in late 1930's and to have received his mail in care of aforementioned paper. During 1949 was active in Los Angeles as a folk singer at various functions advertised in the Daily People's World. Latter publication in October 5, 1949 issue states that GUTHRIE is "an old friend of the Daily People's World". During 1950 subject was associated with group of individuals in Los Angeles who have organized to sabotage against the United States in event of war with Russia; they allege they have a direct contact with the "Comintern" and have a headquarters in Mexico. (U)

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PERSONAL HISTORY

Name

[T-1, of known reliability, advised that the correct name of the subject is WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE and that he is also known as WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, WOODY GUTHRIE and WOODIE GUTHRIE.

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Residence

[T-2, of known reliability,] (u) advised that prior to his departure from Los Angeles on May 15, 1950, GUTHRIE'S last residence was at the home of [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

T-3, of known reliability, advised in April, 1943, that [redacted] a former member of the Communist Party, had been expelled from the Communist Party in New Jersey for "irresponsibility, inactivity and financial irresponsibility in a mass organization". (u)

The Communist Party, USA, has been declared to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[T-2 advised that on May 18, 1950,] (u) it was announced over Radio Station KGL, 1260 kilocycles, Los Angeles, California, on a folk song program, that GUTHRIE had left the Los Angeles area for El Paso, Texas, and that he would subsequently go to New Orleans, Louisiana and then to New York City.

[T-1, in July, 1950,] (u) advised that he had ascertained that the subject is presently residing at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Employment

[T-1 and T-2] (u) advised that GUTHRIE is employed as a free-lance folk singer, song writer and has acted in various plays and has authored the book "Bound for Glory".

Citizenship

A review of the autobiography by WOODY GUTHRIE entitled "Bound for Glory", published by E. P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated, New York, in 1943, reflects that GUTHRIE was born in Okemah, Oklahoma, in 1912.

Background

In the March, 1943 issue of the magazine "New Yorker", on Page 60, there is a book review of the subject's book, which is a chronicle of his youth and his subsequent trips into western United States, "Riding the Rods". This review stated that GUTHRIE "did not get along with California fruit growers who exploit itinerant labor, or with the fascist Americans who were all set to beat up our native Japanese the day following Pearl Harbor, or with the impresarios of the Rainbow Room who tried to hire him and his guitar, or with his freight train companions who drew the 'color line', stuffed white shirts and highly moral folk in general".

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ACTIVITIES

T-4, of known reliability, advised that "WOODY GUTHRIE" received mail in care of the Daily People's World, 323 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California, during a portion of 1941. T-4 advised that he was not personally acquainted with GUTHRIE and could furnish no information relative to him. (P)(U)

The Daily People's World is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

The 1948 report of "Un-American Activities in California", the report of the Joint Fact Finding Committee to the 1948 regular California Legislature, Sacramento, California, on Pages 342 and 343, under the heading of "Daily People's World", lists 128 names of individuals who are present or past writers for the Daily People's World. Included in this list is the name of "WOODY GUTHRIE".

The Daily People's World of March 3, 1949, Page 4, Column 3, advertises a "Cradle Will Rock" Hootenany which would welcome back WOODY GUTHRIE.

The Daily People's World issue of March 14, 1949, Page 3, Column 3, contains an advertisement that WOODY GUTHRIE, noted folk balladist, would be among the entertainers at the Independent Progressive Party first birthday party, to be held March 25, 1949 at the Park Manor, 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

T-5, of known reliability, advised that the Independent Progressive Party in Los Angeles County, California, is under the complete control of the Communist Party. The Communist Party sets the organizational goals of the Independent Progressive Party, lays down its perspectives, organizes its forces, proposes its levels of organization and assigns its leadership. (P)(U)

The Daily People's World issue of March 25, 1949, on Page 19, Column 1, states that WOODY GUTHRIE, ballad singer and composer of "Songs to grow on", would perform at the Dance Center, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, on March 26, 1949.

The Daily People's World issue of October 5, 1949, Page 5, Columns 1 to 6, contains an article by WOODY GUTHRIE dated New York and entitled "Charter Records Sing for the People". An editor's note accompanying this article described WOODY GUTHRIE as an old friend of the Daily People's World and stated that the article announced the formation of a progressive record company, Charter Records. The article states that GUTHRIE is an individual who stays close to the troubles, fights and ups and downs of the trade union workers and he is most apt, therefore, to turn out the best "stuff" and to have the finest, highest type of an audience.

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An accompanying photograph of GUTHRIE with the above article was exhibited to [T-1] who identified the subject as an individual who has been closely associated with a group of expelled Communist Party members and veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who are currently meeting in Los Angeles, California. [T-1] advised that this group is organized for sabotage against the United States during war with Russia. They allege they have a direct contact with the "Comintern" and that they have a headquarters in the Mexico City, Mexico area.

The veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have been declared to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

(U) [T-1] advised that GUTHRIE has attended a number of meetings of the aforementioned sabotage group but he is unable to recall the exact dates and places of all of the meetings that GUTHRIE has attended; however, (U) [T-1] advised that he specifically recalls GUTHRIE having attended the following:

DATE OF MEETINGPLACE OF MEETING

March 26, 1950

932 North Lucile Avenue,
Los Angeles, California

April 23, 1950

932½ North Lucile Avenue,
Los Angeles, California

April 29, 1950

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April 30, 1950

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May 2, 1950

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May 6, 1950

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DESCRIPTION

[T-1 and T-2] (U) furnished the following description of the subject:

Name	WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE
Aliases	Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, Woody Guthrie, Woodie Guthrie
Age	38 (1950)
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Height	5' 5"
Weight	135 lbs.
Hair	Reddish brown - close cropped
Eyes	Blue

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Complexion	Ruddy
Marital Status	Divorced
Occupation	Musician, author
Peculiarities	Weather-beaten face
Residence	3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York
Former Residence	932 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Lucile, Los Angeles, California
Wife (divorced)	Mrs. PERCY D. BAILEY, 4002 Bliss Street, El Paso, Texas.
Children	GWENDOLYN GAIL GUTHRIE, Age 14, 4002 Bliss Street, El Paso, Texas; Two other children, names and ages unknown.
Photograph	Available Los Angeles and New York.

PENDING

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For the information of the Bureau and Offices receiving a copy of this report (b) (7) (D) T-1 and T-2, [REDACTED] GUTHRIE [REDACTED] advised that he personally has never, [REDACTED] made any statement relative to sabotage; they added however that he was very close to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both of whom have definitely outlined potential sabotage plans and who are considered by (u) (b) (7) (D) T-1 and T-2 to be the leaders of the sabotage group.

The Bureau, by teletype dated July 14, 1950, directed the Los Angeles Office to institute immediate individual investigations of those persons identified with the sabotage group and to recommend Security Index cards at the earliest possible date.

For the information of the New York Office, no specific leads have been set out relative to the background of the subject inasmuch as from information available to this Office it appears that GUTHRIE has been active in New York and in all probability is known to that Office.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City, New York: Will verify the subject's residence at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; will ascertain his employment and recommend a Security Index card at the earliest possible date.

Will furnish available background information regarding the subject in order that it may be included in a subsequent report of the case entitled "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C".

EL PASO OFFICE

At El Paso, Texas: Will recontact [REDACTED] b7c
El Paso County Courthouse, El Paso, Texas, for additional information regarding the Communist Party activities of the subject in Los Angeles, it being noted that the only reported information identifiable with the subject's activities in Los Angeles during 1939-40 was that he was a former writer for the Daily People's World and received his mail in care of them.

Will furnish any information available regarding GUTHRIE'S visit to El Paso subsequent to May 15, 1950.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California: Will, upon receipt of the above information, submit an RUC report.

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INFORMANT	IDENTITY	INFORMATION	DATE	AGENT
T-1	CNDI [REDACTED]	Name	4-18-50	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
		Occupation	4-18-50	[REDACTED]
		New York address	7-4-50	[REDACTED]
		Photograph	5-5-50	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
		Sabotage	1-25-50	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
		Past meetings	4-14-50	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
		3-26-50 meeting	4-14-50	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
		4-23-50 meeting	4-23-50	[REDACTED]
		4-29-50 meeting	5-4-50	[REDACTED]
		4-30-50 meeting	5-4-50	[REDACTED]
		5-2-50 meeting	5-3-50	[REDACTED]
		5-6-50 meeting	5-8-50	[REDACTED]
		Description	4-18-50	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
T-2	CNDI [REDACTED]	El Paso residence	5-18-50	[REDACTED]
		Departure	5-15-50	[REDACTED]
		Occupation	4-18-50	[REDACTED]
		Description	4-18-50	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
T-3	CNDI [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] expulsion	4-26-43	[REDACTED]

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INFORMANT	IDENTITY	INFORMATION	DATE	AGENT
T-4	CNDI [REDACTED]	Mail	not avail- able	not available
T-5	CNDI [REDACTED]	Independent Progressive Party	5-12-49	[REDACTED]

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REFERENCES:

El Paso letter to New York dated February 15, 1950.
Los Angeles letter to El Paso dated June 2, 1950.
Report of SA [REDACTED] entitled "FACTIONALIST
SABOTAGE GROUP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C", dated April 3,
1950, at Los Angeles (Bufile 100-369268).

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 4, 1950

FROM : SAC, El Paso

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
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Reference is made to Los Angeles let to the Bureau dated 6-2-50.

Reference is also made to Butel dated 7-14-50 to Los Angeles entitled "Factionalist Sabotage Group - Internal Security - C," Bufile 100-369268.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on July 26 and July 27, 1950.

El Paso County

Court House, El Paso, Texas, advised that [REDACTED] for that organization, had been transferred and was currently employed by the [REDACTED] Big Spring, Texas. [REDACTED] advised that his family was with him.

El Paso,

Texas, advised that they were the [REDACTED] and furnished the following additional information:

[REDACTED] the present Mrs. PERCIVAL D. BAILEY, currently residing with her husband and three children in [REDACTED] Texas, was formerly married to WOODY GUTHRIE. Three children, now residing with their mother, were born of this union. Mrs. BAILEY and the children had resided in El Paso, Texas, for many years until they recently moved to [REDACTED] Texas, in May of 1950.

Mr. Woodroe Wilson

To the best of the knowledge of [REDACTED] WOODY GUTHRIE had not been in El Paso, Texas, within the past nine years for the purpose of visiting his children or for any other purpose. About a year ago WOODY GUTHRIE was residing at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, 24, New York, and this was the last address available to [REDACTED]

Also about a year ago they learned that a subsequent wife of GUTHRIE's, MARJORIE, who also has three children by him, separated from him.

WOODY GUTHRIE has some 300 records registered with ALLAN LOMACK Library of Music, Washington, D. C., and currently gets royalties from them. For this reason, in the opinion of [REDACTED]

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GUTHRIE's present whereabouts would always be known to Mr. LOMACK.

WOODY GUTHRIE's father is CHARLES GUTHRIE, who was last known to be employed as a photographer in some drug store in Oklahoma City.

[REDACTED] were of the opinion that WOODY GUTHRIE frequently corresponded with his father. **b7c**

No leads are being suggested by the El Paso Office, since the Los Angeles Office by letter to the Bureau dated 7-21-50 set forth information indicating that as of 7-4-50 the subject was residing at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, apparently the permanent address of this subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: RE: WOODY GUTHRIE; (LOUIS BUDENZ 400)
SECURITY MATTER - CALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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LOUIS F. BUDENZ, formerly managing editor of the "Daily Worker" and a Communist Party functionary until he broke with the Party in October, 1945 has been interviewed during the past few months concerning the concealed Communists whom he knew. The person named above as the subject of this case, was one of those individuals whom BUDENZ described as a concealed Communist. BUDENZ describes a concealed Communist as one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Party.

BUDENZ advised SA [REDACTED] on June 20, 1950, of all he knew concerning the subject, that he felt was pertinent, and he dictated this information to a stenographer of this office, who was present during the interview.

He used, in order to bring out all he knew about the subject, the following set of questions. He considered all questions in connection with this subject. Where he did not comment on some particular question as to the activity of the subject, then it is because he had no knowledge. If he recalled anything about the subject as a result of these questions he dictated what he knew. The questions are as follows:

1. Identify individual
 - a. If observed a description and other identifying data;
 - b. If not seen, enough descriptive data about individual to positively identify him or her;
 - c. Any aliases
2. Narrate how he knows individual as a Communist
 - a. If seen at a closed meeting get date, place and persons present at meeting
 - b. If told officially that individual was a Communist, who said it, what were the circumstances, and who was present;
 - c. Relate all occasions when he met or heard of individual as Communist.
3. Documents
 - a. Did individual ever write anything that might be considered Communist literature.
 1. For "Daily Worker", "New Masses", "Political Affairs", and any front publications or other publications.

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Letter to Director

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Was individual active in front organizations.

- a. Which organizations
- b. How active was individual

5. Espionage

Was individual ever involved in secret work;

What work;

Who knew it;

Did individual ever do any special work for party.

6. Is individual still active or sympathetic toward Party.

7. Can you recall any trips abroad particularly to Russia and the approximate date of the trips? Can you recall the nature of the trips.

8. Did you ever hear that he had attended any of the training schools in Russia?

9. Did this subject appear to have entree to the Russian Consulate or did he receive special consideration and attention from known Russian Agents or Communist Officials in U.S.?

10. Is the subject working for the U.S. Government or is he affiliated in any way in Confidential Government work at this time?

11. Did this individual have military training, Abraham Lincoln Brigade, U.S. Army, other service?

12. Was this individual employed in vital industry?

13. Do you know any other members of his family who are Communists?

14. Do you know of any other activity on the part of the individual which would indicate that the individual is a concealed Communist?

Additional questions were asked as a result of his answers to the above questions in order to fully develop his information.

Letter to Director
NY 100-87247

Attached is a blind memorandum dictated by LOUIS F. BUDENZ and containing all the pertinent information concerning the subject which BUDENZ could presently recollect.

The original of each memo has been reviewed by Mr. BUDENZ and he has made any necessary corrections and he has signed the original. The signed original of each memo is being retained in the confidential informant file of LOUIS F. BUDENZ, NY file 62-8988.

Since the individuals such as the subject of this case are, according to BUDENZ, concealed Communists and since they are, in most instances, persons of some prominence, it is suggested that if the information appearing in the attached blind memo is reported, then Mr. BUDENZ should be given a temporary confidential informant symbol.

For the information of the Bureau the subject is one of the 400 concealed Communists whom BUDENZ stated he knew. The names of these concealed Communists were sent to the Bureau in the case captioned "Communist Party, USA, Internal Security - C".

WOODEY GUTHRIE

A hillbilly songster on the radio. I have met GUTHRIE on a number of occasions in Communist meetings and when he was entertaining the National Committee of the Communist Party at private affairs during the 1940's. However, these meetings with him were so hurried and superficial that I have no clear-cut recollection of his appearance at this moment.

GUTHRIE for a time also wrote a humorous column in Will Rogers style for the Daily Worker.

From my acquaintance with him and from reports from ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, through the Cultural Commission of the Daily Worker and in the Politburo, I know GUTHRIE is a very zealous Communist. These reports were received by me down to the time I left the Party. These reports were on the cultural activities and how GUTHRIE specifically was fitting into the infiltration of cultural organizations and specifically in 1945, the radio.

He has been a member of several fronts but his main function has been in getting entertainment on the radio.

~~Radio Industry~~

WOODEY GUTHRIE EMPLOYED IN RADIO INDUSTRY

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 31, 1950

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurtel dated 7-14-50; rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 8-14-50 at Los Angeles, both entitled FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP: INTERNAL SECURITY - C; rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 8-3-50 at Los Angeles in captioned matter.

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Referenced teletype requested the Los Angeles office to institute immediate individual investigations of those persons identified with the sabotage group, submit letters under the names of the persons identified with the group, and follow with reports recommending security index cards at the earliest possible date.

Referenced report in connection with the FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP contains all the information known to this office at this time relative to GUTHRIE's association with [REDACTED] and his group.

Referenced report in the captioned matter dated August 3, 1950 summarizes this information and reflects that GUTHRIE is presently reported to reside at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

This latter report requested the New York office to verify GUTHRIE's employment and residence in the New York City area and also advise them of the contents of your teletype of July 14, 1950.

Upon receipt of the information requested of the New York office and verification of the subject's residence and employment in the Brooklyn or New York area, Los Angeles will submit an RUC report.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 1950

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
 Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, Woody
 Guthrie, Woodie Guthrie
 SECURITY MATTER - C

Rerep SA [REDACTED] 8/3/50. Re El Paso letter to the Bureau
 8/4/50. Re Dallas letter to Los Angeles 9/26/50 in the case entitled [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] was., SECURITY MATTER - C, Dallas file 100-8454.

Referenced report, a copy of which is enclosed for the assistance
 of the Dallas Office, requested the El Paso Office to recontact [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] for additional information regarding the Communist Party activities
 of the subject in Los Angeles, California; it being noted that the referenced
 report reflects that the only reported information identifiable with the
 subject's activities in Los Angeles during 1939 and 1940 was that he was
 a former writer for the Daily People's World and received his mail in care
 of them during this period.

In February, 1950, [REDACTED] had advised Agents of the El Paso
 Office that in conversation with [REDACTED]
 he had determined that the subject was allegedly a member of the Communist
 Party and was especially very active in the Communist Party in 1939 and 1940
 at Los Angeles.

Since the date of the referenced report the only additional infor-
 mation which has come to the attention of the Los Angeles Office is that
 furnished by New York letter dated July 27, 1950, wherein information emanating
 from LOUIS F. BUDENZ is set out. BUDENZ is the former managing editor
 of the "Daily Worker" and a Communist Party functionary, until he broke with
 the Party in October, 1945.

Mr. BUDENZ has advised that the subject is one of those individuals
 whom he describes as a concealed Communist. BUDENZ describes a concealed
 Communist as one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would
 deny membership in the Party. In the event that the information set out
 below is used in a subsequent report, Mr. BUDENZ should be given a temporary
 confidential informant symbol.

On June 20, 1950, Mr. BUDENZ furnished the following information

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cc: Dallas (Encl.)
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relative to the subject to SA [REDACTED] 67C

~~Woody Guthrie~~

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He has been a member of several fronts but his main function has been in getting entertainment on the radio.

The Dallas Office is requested to recontact [REDACTED] for any additional information he may have ascertained regarding the subject since February, 1950.

Inasmuch as GUTHRIE has been reported to be residing in the New York City area and the latter Office is currently conducting investigation to verify this residence, Dallas is requested to furnish both Los Angeles and New York with the results of their interview.

January 15, 1951

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
Your file 100-32263
New York file 100-87247
Bufile 100-29988

Re Los Angeles letter October 19, 1950.

It is requested that New York submit a report promptly and that it embody the information furnished by Louis F. Budenz.

cc New York

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 100- 8485 nlp

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 2-14-51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-5-51	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, WAS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C ↓

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] has no further information concerning subjects activities. Received letter several months ago from [REDACTED] advising that subject had disappeared from New York and later received letter from GUTHRIE indicating had returned to New York.

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DETAILS:

AT BIG SPRING, TEXAS

[REDACTED], Big Spring, informed that he has no information concerning GUTHRIE not previously furnished. He again went over his knowledge of GUTHRIE'S activities but there was nothing of pertinence not already reported.

[REDACTED] informed that several months ago [REDACTED] had received a letter [REDACTED] mailed from New York City and that [REDACTED] informed them that "WOODIE" had left [REDACTED] disappeared from the city. They later received a letter from GUTHRIE, mailed from New York City, containing only personal information and [REDACTED] did not believe there was anything of pertinence in this letter to instant investigation. He telephoned [REDACTED] the letter but she reported that she could find neither of them. [REDACTED] stated he would make a diligent search for the letter received from [REDACTED] and also the one received from GUTHRIE and if successful in locating them would furnish both to the writer at a subsequent time. [REDACTED] also informed that these two letters are the only communications received from the GUTHRIE family and he has no other knowledge of GUTHRIE'S activities.

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For whatever value such information might subsequently have the following is reported, having been furnished by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], who is [REDACTED] was contacted with reference to the present activities of [REDACTED]. He informed that [REDACTED] on reporting to this station when transferred here from El Paso, made a complete admission to [REDACTED] concerning the [REDACTED] and of GUTHRIE's communistic activities. [REDACTED] states he has been on the alert for information but has received no indication that [REDACTED] is engaged in Communistic Activities. [REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] whose identity was unknown to [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a "Tender hearted" individual, felt that his wife needed him and stated that even considering the circumstances he would not desert her. [REDACTED] subsequently reported that [REDACTED] purchased a home in El Paso during the past Christmas Holidays, evidently intending to return there in the future.

It is noted that when [REDACTED] was being interrogated about GUTHRIE that he advised that he still feels that [REDACTED] is not inclined toward Communism and [REDACTED] activities. [REDACTED] GUTHRIE were from "Pure ignorance" and that he still does not actually believe that she was aware of what she was getting into to then nor does she even recognize at the present time that she was "in a mess" [REDACTED] GUTHRIE.

REFERENCE: Los Angeles letter dated 10-19-50.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES

NY FILE NO. 100-87247

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 2/24/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/25/51	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Subject resides 49 Murdock Court, Brooklyn, NY. Confidential Informant states that subject, at one time, wrote a humerous column for the "Daily Worker", and that subject was a very zealous Communist in the 1940's. The subject is reported to receive the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker" as well as other Communist publications through the mails.

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ON **11-8-94**
Appeal 90-1003

CLASS. & EXT. BY **SA-5 Hskalan**
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW **6/24/90**

DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, but who has known the subject slightly in the past several years, advised that the subject now resides at 49 Murdock Court, Beach Haven Apartments, Brooklyn, New York.

Confidential Informant T-1 also stated that the subject was a guitar player and was not known to be employed.

At the Beach Haven Apartments, Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, it was determined that the subject presently resides in Apartment 1-J, 49 Murdock Court, Brooklyn, New York. The subject has resided at that address since October 1, 1950, at which time he moved there from 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn,

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New York. The lease for the subject's apartment reflects no employment for WOODROW GUTHRIE; however, it shows that his wife is employed at the Neighborhood Playhouse, School of Theater. The tenant mail boxes for the apartment building at 49 Murdock Court lists one MAZIA GUTHRIE as a tenant in apartment 1-J.

Communist Party Activity

(u)(c) [Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised, on May 18, 1950, that the subject was a concealed Communist. This informant described a concealed Communist as one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Party. (u)(c)]

[Confidential Informant T-2, on June 20, 1950,] advised that the subject was a hillbilly songster on the radio and that on a number of occasions the subject had entertained the National Committee of the Communist Party at private affairs during the 1940's. This informant further stated that he had observed the subject on a number of occasions in Communist meetings, and stated, that for a short time, the subject wrote a humorous column in WILL ROGERS style for the "Daily Worker". (u)(c)]

(u)(c) [Confidential Informant T-2] further stated that GUTHRIE was a very zealous Communist and that GUTHRIE was specifically fitting into the infiltration of cultural organizations and specifically in 1945, the radio. According to the informant, the subject had been a member of several Communist front organizations. (u)(c)]

[Confidential Informant T-1] advised that, while the subject resided at 3520 Mermaid Avenue in Brooklyn, he used to receive the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker", as well as "other" Communist literature through the mails. This informant was unable to recall the names of the "other" Communist literature received by the subject. (u)(c)]

It is to be noted that the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication, and that the "Worker" is the Sunday edition of this publication.

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The election records of the Borough of Brooklyn show that WOODROW W. GUTHRIE enrolled from 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, as blank 1946, American Labor Party 1948 and 1949. MARJORIE GUTHRIE enrolled from the same address for the American Labor Party in 1946, 1947 and 1948.

It is to be noted that the American Labor Party was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in March, 1944.

(W) [X] Confidential Informants T-3, T-4, T-5, T-6, T-7, T-8, and T-9, all of known reliability, could furnish no information pertaining to the subject.

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El Paso letter to the Bureau dated August 4, 1950 reflects information to the effect that the subject's wife is separated from him.

(u) [X] Confidential Informant T-1 advised, on January 25, 1951, that the subject had been separated from his wife for a while; however, they were back together again at the present time.

The election records for the Borough of Brooklyn were checked by SE [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

Will execute Form FD-128.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

b7c The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [REDACTED], at New York, dated February 24, 1951, are as follows:

T-1

[REDACTED] **b7c**
Coney Island Station, United States
Post Office, Brooklyn, New York,
contacted by the writer on
January 25, 1951.

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[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED] ↓

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[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED] (u)

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[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED], 8/3/50, Los Angeles.
Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, 10/19/50.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-29988)

DATE: March 22, 1951

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Apartment 1-J, 49 Murdock Court

Brooklyn, New York

Business Address: _____

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Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☐ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☐ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- ☐ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

☐ Security Index Cards

☐ Serials (specify) Report of SA _____ dated February 14, 1951, at _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: WOODRCE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
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(Bufile 100-29988)

DATE: March 22, 1951

Enclosed is Form FD-128, reflecting New York as new Office of Origin and a copy of the report in the captioned matter of SA [REDACTED] dated February 14, 1951, at Dallas.

Since the submission of the report of SA [REDACTED] JR., dated August 3, 1950, at Los Angeles, no information has come to the attention of the Los Angeles Office that has not been reported in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated February 24, 1951, at New York, with the exception of the below-described news articles.

The New York Office was advised by Los Angeles letter dated February 27, 1951, of the syndicated column of LEONARD LYONS which appeared in the Los Angeles Daily News on February 22, 1951. LYONS writes for the Post-Hall Syndicate, Inc., 295 Madison Avenue, New York City 17, New York. The last paragraph of this column refers to WOODY GUTHRIE, who is described as a hobo minstrel who wrote the best selling book, "Bound for Glory," and is the author of the new song hit "So Long, It's Been Good to Know You."

The article states that the subject was rushed to a Coney Island Hospital because of a ruptured appendix.

In view of the fact that no additional information has come to the attention of the Los Angeles Office regarding this individual since his departure in 1950 from this area, no report is being submitted.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that no Security Index Card was recommended by the Los Angeles Office for this individual, although he was affiliated with the Factionalist Sabotage Group, Bureau file 100-369268, in view of the subject's departure from this area and his subsequent residence in New York. RUC.

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REMAIN INSTRUCTIONS
 WOODROW WILSON
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="position: relative; height: 100px;"> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; left: 0; width: 100%; height: 100%; background: linear-gradient(to bottom right, transparent 49%, black 49% 51%, black 51% 100%);"></div> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; left: 0; width: 100%; height: 100%; background: linear-gradient(to bottom right, transparent 49%, black 49% 51%, black 51% 100%);"></div> </div> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">In an article published in 6/19/49 issue of "Daily Worker", subject states he joined CP in 1936. Subject has been active in furnishing entertainment for CP functions. Subject on Board of Directors of People's Voice, 1946 and 1947.</p>			<p>APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) BY DATE</p> <p>7-9-50</p>
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY</p> <p>The June 19, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, on pages 3 and 12, section 2, carried an article entitled, "My Constitution and Me" by WOODY GUTHRIE. This article is described as a "true short story".</p> <p>In this article, the subject states that he had a thirty minute program over Station KFVD, Los Angeles, California, in 1936. In that same year, subject was in Sacramento, and while there, looked in a "little bookstore window. This window was full of trade union books." The subject bought a ten cents pocket novel. He "thought it read, 'Trade Union Constitution of the USA' ----. It did not say 'Trade Union Constitution of the USA', it read 'Constitution of the Soviet Union, USSR'."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>MR. WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE</i></p>			<p>CLASS. & EXT. BY <i>SP-5 [signature]</i></p> <p>REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2</p> <p>DATE OF REVIEW <i>6/26/91</i></p>
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Subject then lists the following points he derived from reading the book:

- "(1). You are guaranteed a job as long as you live.
- (2). The longer you work the longer you live.
- (3). Women folk and men folk are the same and get the same pay for doing the same work.
- (4). Color of your skin can't keep you from working and voting."

The subject continues his article and then commences with point:

- "(15). You get a few days pay when you get pregnant.
- (16). Every smokestack and boiler belong to the workhands.
- (17). Every crosstie and rail joint belong to the railroad hands.
- (18). I can't get rich with your sweat and blood.
- (19). Nobody hanging around the streets out of work."

The subject continues his story and describes attending a meeting of cotton strikers held in a small church. He states that the place was surrounded by deputies, but that he attended, and sang at this meeting anyway.

The subject states that he thereafter returned to Station KFVD and during his last few months there dedicated all his songs to trade union workers. GUTHRIE stated that he "wore that little ten cent blue book out, carrying it around in my shirt pocket. The best thing that I did in 1936, though, was to sign up with the Communist Party and start turning the open pages of some thicker books. I bought and gave away about a dozen of those little blue U. S. S. R. Constitution books since 1936."

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 14, 1941, on page 7, columns 2 and 3, carries an article which reflects that the subject was one of the "Almanac Singers", and that the "Almanac Singers" were touring the country singing workers' songs to the working people, mainly to trade unions, but to the "common

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people" everywhere. This article also states that they were to sing for the International Workers Order on August 16, 1941 and had sung at the American People's Mobilization mass meeting in Oakland, California, on August 8, 1941.

It is noted that the International Workers Order has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835, as has the American Peace Mobilization. Concerning the American People's Mobilization, the May 29, 1946 report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, states "'Three weeks later (after June 21, 1941) American Peace Mobilization***was changing its name to American People's Mobilization***' (Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7685)."

[Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, advised on April 23, 1949 that WOODY GUTHRIE, of Oklahoma, gave lectures at the Tom Paine School of Social Science in Philadelphia in 1942 on folk songs and music.] (u)

It is to be noted that the Tom Paine School of Social Science in Philadelphia has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

SAS [redacted] and [redacted] attended the Lenin, Lincoln, Douglas Memorial Meeting held at Broad Street Mansion, in Philadelphia on February 12, 1943, under the auspices of the Communist Party Central Region. These agents advised that WOODY GUTHRIE entertained at the meeting by singing songs. b7c

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised on May 21, 1943 that the New York Workers School appointed a committee to plan a Sunday tea to be held at the New York Workers School on May 23, 1943. The entertainment was to be by WOODY GUTHRIE, and plans were made for the sale of his new book. (u)

The Workers School of New York City was cited as "an official Communist Party school" located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, which was also headquarters of the Communist Party. The instructors were always members of the Communist Party. Cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities report dated March 29, 1944.

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 10, 1943, page 7, column 3, contains an article written by the subject which concerns the review of the subject's book, "Bound for Glory", by

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MIKE ~~X~~GOLD. In this article, the subject states, "MIKE GOLD'S review of my book, 'Bound for Glory', has caused me to write you this letter. Last night I sang for the members and friends of the Sea Gate (Brooklyn) Branch of the Communist Party." The subject also states that he is shipping out in a few days as a messman and states, "I know I won't be afraid of the U-boats as long as there's a whole world full of people like you (MIKE GOLD) back there to keep things going. Gosh look how the 'Daily Worker' and the 'People's World' and the 'Midwest Labor' keeps afloat."

[REDACTED], Oak Park, Illinois, a [REDACTED] appeared in the New York Office on February 8, 1944, and volunteered information concerning alleged Communists on board merchant ships. [REDACTED] stated that he was acquainted with a number of individuals who were all employed as messmen on the Liberty ship WILLIAM B. TRAVIS, which was torpedoed September 12, 1943. b7c
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According to [REDACTED] these men, who included WOODY GUTHRIE, followed the Communist Party line in that they were very pro-Russian, and advocated racial intermarriage.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 7, 1945, section 2, page 4, column 1, contains a full page article by WOODY GUTHRIE. This article by the subject states how they got seamen to write letters to Congressmen about "unemployment insurance for seamen, citizenship for alien seamen and a G. I. bill of rights for seamen". The subject states that he wrote 112 one page letters and that the total number of letters written by the seamen were 1,029. The subject also states in this article that they took up a collection to help elect VITO ~~X~~MARCANTONIO.

It should be noted for several terms, prior to the 1950 election in which he was defeated, VITO MARCANTONIO was the American Labor Party Congressman from New York City. Concerning the American Labor Party, the May 29, 1946 report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, states as follows:

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- "1. Support of the Communist Party to the above has been recognized by the appointment of a Communist to an official position in the city government (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, report, 1938, p. 356).
- "2. Cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, March 29, 1944 (pp. 49, 77f, 153, 189)."

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 1, 1945, page 6 column 1, carries an article entitled, "May Day Greetings from Disc Company of America. Official Producers of U. S. S. R. Records and Official Record Producers for the French American Cultural Exchange". Among the artists listed as sending May Day greetings was WOODY GUTHRIE.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 12, 1947, carries an article by the subject entitled, "Me and Ingrid". The subject discusses movies and states that INGRID BERGMAN is one of the best, but would like to see her in "any parts as real or as honest as the slum picture which SYLVIA SIDNEY did a few years back. The movies are sewed up too tight by our bankers these days to fight or to ridicule our landlords." The subject also states "when the workers own and control their own movie sets and studios, own their theaters and radios then we can have real facts of life played and acted for us by artists even more capable, more social conscious than ones we've got now". The subject continues by stating, "the social system to replace the sour blackmarket setup we've got will cause a finer use to be made of finer cleaner minds". In this article the subject discussed his background to some extent and states that he is married to a dance teacher, MARJORIE, who dances and rehearses at several dance schools; that he shipped for eleven months in the Merchant Marine, and was in the United States Army for eight months.

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owned station WNYC. A month ago, SIEGEL, director of the station, ordered a recording by singer PAUL ROBESON cut from the program and three other folk singers and musicians who formerly appeared on the show have been missing for several months." WOODY GUTHRIE was named as one of the three missing.

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[REDACTED] advised that while on board ship the subject and the other messmen were interested in delivering various packages of pamphlets which had been brought on board by someone in a secretive manner and were kept in the "messboys' room" occupied by the subject and others. No one other than the messmen and [REDACTED] knew the literature was on board.

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At Okema, Oklahoma

Will verify the birth of the subject who is reported to have been born in 1912 at Okema, Oklahoma.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report
of SA [REDACTED] dated APR 10 1951 at New York, New York,
are as follows:

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[REDACTED]
San Juan, Puerto Rico
contacted by SA [REDACTED]

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T-3

T-4

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE

ALIASES WOODROW GUTHRIE, WOODY GUTHRIE, WOODIE GUTHRIE

RACE W SEX M NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED ALIEN

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM X TAB FOR COMSAB X

DATE OF BIRTH 1912 PLACE OF BIRTH Okema, Oklahoma

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 49 Murdock Court, Brooklyn, NY

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

Free Lance Folk Singer

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

None

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TITLE WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C b7c

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Birth records, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reflect Subject born 7/14/12 Okfuskee County, Okemah, Oklahoma. Report submitted by Oklahoma Highway Patrol reflects present address, name of father, sister and two brothers, and present occupation of Subject; further that he has no criminal record and no reputation as Communist in Okemah, Oklahoma.

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DETAILS: At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

[REDACTED], Clerk, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Oklahoma State Department of Health, made available records which reflect the following about Subject: Born July 14, 1912, Okemah, Okfuskee County, Oklahoma; father, CHARLEY EDWARD GUTHRIE, who was born in Bosque County, Texas; mother NORA BELLE SHERMAN, born "somewhere in Kansas", two other children living at time of birth.

The above information was reflected in Delay Volume #640, Page 313.

A report dated April 4, 1951, submitted by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, reflects the following information:

Present address: 2530 MerMaid Avenue, Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York
Father: C. E. GUTHRIE, living in Oklahoma City; present address in Oklahoma City not known.

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Sister: MARY JO ~~EDSON~~, living in Seminole, Oklahoma - address unknown. She is employed at a Drive-In Theater in Seminole. Her husband's name not known; however, he works in a bank in Seminole.

Brothers: ROY ~~GUTHRIE~~, living in Pampa, Texas - employed by Texas Oil Company

GEORGE ~~GUTHRIE~~, living somewhere in California - exact whereabouts unknown.

Present occupation: Woodrow Wilson Guthrie is a radio singer and a composer of music.

Subject has no criminal record and enjoys a good reputation in Okemah, Oklahoma, his home town. No comments suggesting he was a Communist or Communist sympathizer was obtained.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/10/51 at
New York.

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